

March 22, 2000

Mr. Joseph W. Motacek
228 Kann Street
Stratford, WI 54484

Dear Mr. Motacek:

Thank you for your letter addressing the physical absence of the father from the home. All children need the presence of a father figure in their lives; a mother cannot be expected or required to rear a child alone. In January 1998, the Mississippi Department of Human Services, Division of Community Services, administered the Responsible Fatherhood Initiative. The mission of this organization is to improve the quality of life for all Mississippi fathers, children and families by: promoting and facilitating responsible fatherhood training. The training includes: educating, encouraging and assisting fathers in becoming responsible fathers and in assuming responsibility for the nurturing, growth and development of their children.

I will be working closely with Legislators during my term as Governor to make Mississippi a better place to live, work and visit.

If I can be of further help, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure